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Introducing our Newest Tradition: Student Conference Summaries

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The annual Canadian Academy of Audiology Conference is the largest meeting of audiologists in Canada and offers unparalleled opportunities for education, networking with present and future colleagues, and keeping abreast of the industry in Canada. It is also one of the first opportunities for our new audiology graduates to meet their future colleagues and to connect with the profession as a whole, with thanks to generous sponsorship from many of our industry sponsors. Taking the time to meet together and work together as a profession—not just separately as public or private audiologists or employees of a particular company—is crucial if we want to have a strong and autonomous profession. Nevertheless, it is not always possible for everyone to make it to the conference every year, and it is never possible to be at all of the talks even when attending the conference. This is unfortunate.

This year marked the beginning of a new tradition designed to help keep our professional community informed about the latest scientific and clinical developments, and also designed as a way of introducing our newest audiologists to the national community. In this issue of *Canadian Audiologist* you will find summaries of conference sessions written by graduating audiology students from programs across the country. When the call went out for people to participate in this volunteer effort, the response from the students was overwhelmingly positive. The students attended the talks, met with the speakers to ensure that the summaries were accurate, and worked hard to condense the information into a helpful and readable form.

We are very pleased to be able to share these summaries in the final issue of *Canadian Audiologist*'s inaugural year. On behalf of the Canadian Academy of Audiology we would like to say thank you to the students for this excellent work, to Lorienne Jenstad for her helpful support at UBC, to the team at *Canadian Audiologist* for putting this together into a nice package, and to the speakers for the valuable presentations and for taking the time to carefully review each of the summaries. This was an exceptional team effort.

Enjoy… and see you next year at Niagara Falls!

Summaries:

1. Auditory Processing Disorders in Children
Speaker: David Moore PhD University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

2. Avoiding Commoditization of Audiology in the Hearing Aid Distribution Process
Speaker: David Fabry PhD

3. Communicating Audiologic Findings in the Medical Setting
Speaker: Virginia Ramachandran

4. Aging Ears and the Aging Brain: Information about the Brain for the Clinician
Speaker: Dr. Kelly Tremblay

5. Use of the Extended Speech Intelligibility Index (ESII) and Hearing in Noise Test (HINT) to quantify functional hearing ability: Parts I and II
Speaker: Dr. Sigfrid D Soli, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

6. Everything I Know About Hearing Loss – Part I
Speaker: By Mead Killion, PhD

7. Assessing the Impacts of Age, Hearing Loss, and Brain Injury on Central Auditory Function
Speaker: By Dr. Frederick (Erick) Gallun

8. Hyperacusis and Misophonia in Clinical Practice
Speaker: Glynnis Tidball

9. The Role of the Clinical Audiologist in the Interventional Audiology Movement
Speaker: Dr. Brian Taylor

10. What Every Audiologist Needs to Know About Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
Speaker: Gail Whitelaw, PhD, Ohio State University

11. Early Spoken Language Development Following Pediatric Cochlear Implantation: Direct Comparison of Non-tonal (English) and Tonal (Mandarin) Language Development
Speaker: Sigfrid Soli, PhD, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

12. The Life of the Inner Ear
Speaker: Sumittrajit Dhar, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Northwestern University

13. Hearing Restoration: A Surgical Perspective
Speaker: Dr. Jane Lea, Department of Surgery, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

14. Management of Older Adults with Hearing Loss and Dual Sensory Loss: Insights from the Blue Mountains Hearing Study and Dual Sensory Loss study in Australia
Speaker: Catherine McMahon

15. Tinnitus Retraining Therapy (TRT): What is the Evidence of Efficacy?
Speaker: Dr. Carol Bauer MD, FACS

16. The Hearing Loss Epidemic: Implications for Healthy Aging
Speaker: Dr. Paul Mick, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery) University of British Columbia, Kelowna, BC

17. Outcome Measures: What can they tell me that my patient can’t?
Speaker: Gabrielle (Gaby) Saunders, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland, OR